

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

**Derrick Lee Cardell-Smith v. Sean John Combs; Sean John Combs
Enterprises; Sean “Puff Daddy” Combs; P. Diddy; Puffy Brother
Love; Fellow Convicted Felon Sean John Combs**

Cardell-Smith v. Combs · No. 25cv9743 (LTS) · Decided December 4, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York dismissed Derrick Lee Cardell-Smith’s action against Sean John Combs and related defendants for the reasons stated in a December 2, 2025 order. The court certified that any appeal would not be taken in good faith and denied in forma pauperis status for purposes of an appeal.

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK DERRICK LEE CARDELL-SMITH, Plaintiff, -against- 25cv9743 (LTS) SEAN JOHN COMBS; SEAN JOHN COMBS ENTERPRISES; SEAN “PUFF DADDY” CIVIL JUDGMENT COMBS; P. DIDDY; PUFFY BROTHER LOVE; FELLOW CONVICTED FELON SEAN JOHN COMBS, Defendants.

For the reasons stated in the December 2, 2025, order, this action is dismissed. The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from the Court’s judgment would not be taken in good faith, and therefore IFP status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. See *Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962). SO ORDERED. Dated: December 4, 2025 New York, New York /s/ Laura Taylor Swain LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN Chief United States District Judge